Abstract of the Disclosure: Substituted 3-phenyluracils

where $X^1_-X^4$ are each O or S; W is unsubstituted or substituted \-CH=O, -CH=S, -CH=NH, -CH(X^3R^6)(X^4R^7),

 R^6 and R^7 are each C_1-C_6 -alkyl, C_3-C_6 -alkenyl, C_3-C_6 -alkynyl or C_1-C_6 -alkoxy- C_1-C_6 -alkyl or together form a carbon chain;

 R^{10} is H, OH, SH, an ether or thioether group, unsubstituted or substituted C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_3 - C_6 -alkenyl, C_3 - C_7 -cycloalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted amino or unsubstituted or substituted phenyl;

R1 is halogen, CN, NO2 or CF3;

R² is H or halogen;

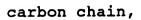
 R^3 is H, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_3 - C_6 -alkenyl, C_3 - C_6 -alkynyl, C_3 - C_8 -cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_6 -cycloalkylcarbonyl, C_1 - C_6 -cyanoalkyl, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxy- C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, CHO, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxycarbonyl, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkylcarbonyl, unsubstituted or substituted amino, unsubstituted or substituted phenyl or phenyl- C_1 - C_6 -alkyl;

R⁴ and R⁵ are each H, CN, halogen, unsubstituted or substituted C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl, C₂-C₆-alkynyl, C₃-C₇-cycloalkyl or unsubstituted or substituted phenyl;

R⁵ may additionally be NO₂, CHO, C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkylcarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl or unsubstituted or substituted amino, or

R4 and R5 together form an unsubstituted or substituted

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with the proviso that R^4 is not CF_3 at the same time as R^5 is H when W is -CH=CH-CO- R^{10} where R^{10} is C_1 - C_6 -alkoxy or C_3 - C_7 -cycloalkoxy,

and the salts and enol ethers of I in which R³ is H, are used for the desiccation and defoliation of plants and as insecticides and herbicides.